

I Claim:

1. A device for creating an assembly of interlocking panels comprising
a form having at least one side surface
5 defining a tab and a notch and adapted to form a first panel having a corresponding tab and a corresponding notch, the tab of the first panel interlocking with a complementary notch on a second panel and the notch of the first panel interlocking with a complementary tab on
10 a second panel.
2. A device as in claim 1 wherein the form is a cookie cutter.
3. A device as in claim 1 wherein the form is a mold.
- 15 4. A device as in claim 3 wherein the mold includes a fill line.
5. A device as in claim 1 wherein the first panel comprises an edible material.
- 20 6. A device as in claim 1 wherein the first panel comprises a non-edible material.
7. Apparatus for creating a decorative house comprising
25 a first device as defined in claim 1 adapted to form an end panel for the house,
a second device as defined in claim 1 adapted to form a side panel for the house, and
a third device as defined in claim 1 adapted
30 to form a roof panel for the house.
8. An apparatus as in claim 7 wherein the end panel has a bottom surface, a pair of opposed side surfaces each having a tab and a notch, and a pair of inclined top surfaces each having a
35 tab and a notch,

wherein the side panel has a top surface, a bottom surface, and a pair of opposed side surfaces, each side surface having a tab and a notch, the side panel tab being complementary to and interlocking with the end panel notch on one of the side surfaces of the end panel and the side panel notch being complementary to and interlocking with the end panel tab on one of the side surfaces of the end panel, and

wherein the roof panel has a top surface, a bottom surface, and a pair of opposed side surfaces, each side surface having a tab and a notch, the roof panel tab being complementary to and interlocking with the end panel notch on one of the inclined top surfaces of the end panel and the roof panel notch being complementary to and interlocking with the end panel tab on one of the inclined top surfaces of the end panel

9. A kit for creating a decorative house comprising

a device as defined in claim 1, and
a decorating material.

10. A kit as in claim 9, further comprising instructions for use.

11. A kit as in claim 9, further comprising at least one dough depth gauge.

12. A kit as in claim 9, further comprising a cookie sheet having at least two raised edges sized and configured to serve as dough depth gauges.

13. A kit as in claim 9, further comprising chocolate adapted to melted and poured into the form.

14. A kit as in claim 9, further comprising a dough mix.

15. A kit for creating a decorative structure comprising

a pair of end panels, each end panel having a bottom surface, a pair of opposed side surfaces each having a tab and a notch, and a pair of inclined top surfaces each having a tab and a notch,

5 a pair of side panels, each side panel having a top surface, a bottom surface, and a pair of opposed side surfaces, each side surface having a tab and a notch, and

10 a pair of roof panels for the house, each roof panel having a top surface, a bottom surface, and a pair of opposed side surfaces, each side surface having a tab and a notch,

the end panels, roof panels, and side panels interlocking to form the structure.

15 16. A kit as in claim 15, further comprising instructions for use.

17. A kit as in claim 15 wherein at least one of the end panels, side panels, or roof panels comprises an edible material.

20 18. A kit as in claim 15 wherein at least one of the end panels, side panels, or roof panels comprises a non-edible material.

19. A kit as in claim 15, further comprising a decorating material.

25 20. A kit for creating a decorative structure comprising

a plurality of panels, the panels providing a series of tabs and notches adapted to interlock the panels, and

30 a decorating material.

21. A kit as in claim 20 wherein at least one of the panels comprises an edible material.

22. A kit as in claim 20 wherein at least one of the panels comprises a

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non-edible material.

23. A kit as in claim 20, further comprising instructions for use.

24. A kit as in claim 20

5 wherein the panels are adapted to interlock to form a three-dimensional structure.

25. A kit for creating a decorative structure comprising

10 a plurality of edible panels, the panels providing a series of tabs and notches adapted to interlock the panels.

26. A kit as in claim 25, further comprising instructions for use.

15 27. A kit as in claim 25, further comprising a decorating material.

28. A kit as in claim 25

wherein the panels are adapted to interlock to form a three-dimensional structure.

20 29. A method of creating a decorative structure comprising the steps of providing a plurality of devices as defined in claim 1,

making a dough,

25 manipulating the dough to a desired depth and configuration,

baking the dough,

cooling the dough slightly to set the baked dough to a desired density,

30 pressing the plurality of devices into the baked dough to cut out a plurality of corresponding tabbed panels, and

interlocking the tabbed panels to assemble the structure.

35 30. A method of creating a decorative structure comprising the steps of

providing a plurality of devices as defined in
claim 1,

melting chocolate,

pouring the melted chocolate into each of the
5 plurality of devices,

cooling the melted chocolate in the devices to
set the chocolate into a plurality of corresponding
tabbed panels,

removing the tabbed panels from the devices,
10 and

interlocking the tabbed panels to assemble the
structure.

31. A method of creating a decorative
structure comprising the steps of

15 providing a plurality of devices as defined in
claim 1,

melting chocolate to mold the chocolate to a
desired depth and configuration,

cooling the chocolate to set the chocolate to
20 a desired density,

pressing the plurality of devices into the set
chocolate to cut out a plurality of corresponding tabbed
panels, and

interlocking the tabbed panels to assemble the
25 structure.